

DISCUSSION SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Marian Acon, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Acon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mrs. Marian R. Acon, President
Mr. Randall E. Bacon
Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins
Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard, Vice President
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk
Mr. Thomas W. Majors
Mr. Floyd B. Tame, Treasurer

Absent

Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
Mr. Dale C. Daman

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Louis Campisi
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Dr. Amanda Cwynar

Mr. Michael Damon
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Chief Cory Zelenak

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 23, 2023 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary, and October 23, 2023, Committee Meetings, submitted by Dr. Bovalino, will be voted upon at the next Voting Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to our middle and high school Students of the Month. Representing the middle school is sixth grader Jaivyn Carter, seventh grader Vinny Hirth, and eighth grader Lauryn Roberts. Representing the high school is ninth grader Mi'Lee Griffin, tenth grader Ahkyta West, eleventh grader Nathan Bills and twelfth grader Ashylyn Schidemantle.

Dante Verrico and Mike Williams represented the Little Rams at the November 2 Steelers game as honorary captains. They got to go onto the field for the coin toss and stand along the sidelines. Dante, Mike and their families also go to meet many Steeler legends!

Natalie Hollibaugh auditioned for PMEA Honors Band Festival and will represent Rochester on December 7-9. Natalie will be playing the bass clarinet at the concert which will be held December 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Slippery Rock University.

Our senior football players and cheerleader selected a staff member who made an impact on them while at Rochester. Each senior presented their chosen staff member with a shirt with the senior's name on the back and "Made an Impact" on the front. We are so proud of our students and hope each one of us can continue to make a positive impact on a student's life.

Congratulations to our varsity football team on making it to the quarter finals. They lost to Fort Cherry on Friday night but our coaches and student athletes should be commended on a terrific season.

Please join us on Wednesday evening for our next Town Hall meeting. Mr. Damon, Mrs. Kaufmann and Mrs. Wilkins have coordinated with local agencies to provide various information tables. There will be break out sessions on Mental Health, Drug Use and Vaping, and Social Media. All are welcome to attend.

Our Upcoming Events include

- November 15 – MS Career Day, Town Hall Meeting
- November 20 – Voting Meeting
- November 21 – Powder Puff Game
- November 22 – Early Dismissal
- November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 2 – Carol Sing, Light Up Night, Kindergarten Program
- December 4 – Reorganization & Voting Meeting

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Fedeles reported that the Board went into Executive Session prior to the Board Meeting to discuss building safety matters, personnel and contract negotiations.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Transportation

Mr. Tame recommended approving the Act 1 - Accelerated Budget Opt-out Resolution No. 112023-01. The Act 1 index for the 2023-24 is set at 5.1% and Rochester's adjusted index is set at 7.8%. Therefore, by approving the resolution, real estate taxes may not be set above 80.04 mills without a voter referendum.

Mr. Tame recommended approving the following list of bus drivers from Frye Transportation Group the 2023-2024 school year (clearances on file).

Heather Berry
Jason Coursey
LeeAnn Duez
Mark Hill

Donald Hinzman
Shonna Jokinen
Julie Parison
Taylor Sebecic

Teachers and Personnel

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving Kathy Onuska, Business Manager, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBP) 69th Annual Conference and Exhibits in Hershey, PA, On March 5, 2024, through March 8, 2024, at a cost of \$349 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging.

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving Alexandra Javen's voluntary transfer from the position of full-time Elementary Life Skills Support Teacher (Grades K-2) to serve as the full-time Autistic Support Teacher (Grades K-5), effective _____, as per contract. This position was created due to the increase in the number of children with an autism diagnosis.

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving Drew Lewis' voluntary transfer from the position of full-time Middle School Special Education Teacher to serve as the full-time Elementary Life Skills Support Teacher (K-2), effective _____, as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Alexandra Javens.

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving _____ voluntary transfer from the position of _____ to serve as the full-time Middle School Special Education Teacher, effective _____ as per contract, due to the voluntary transfer of Drew Lewis.

Ms. Hubbard recommended accepting the resignation of Matt Yunt from the position of Accounts Payable and Receivable in the Business Office to serve as the full-time Autistic Support Paraprofessional (Grades K-5) effective Monday, November 13, 2023, as per contract.

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving the following field trip(s):

- a. November 7, 2023 - Selected High School Band students to attend Slippery Rock University to audition for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 5 Honors Band (conditionally approved by Dr. Bovalino).
- b. November 17, 2023 - Selected students in Grades 9-12 to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA, to learn about the building trades and have a hands-on demonstration and career information.
- c. December 15, 2023 - Grades 6-8 Life Skills students to attend Five Below/Dollar Tree as part of their community based instruction.
- d. January 19, 2024 - Selected students in Grades 7-9 Chorus to attend Blackhawk High School to rehearse and perform with other chorus students from other counties.
- e. January 24, 2024 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to have contact with groups of people to discuss Mental Health Awareness and to get a better sense of empathy and respect for others.
- f. January 24, 2024 - Selected students from the High School Chorus to attend Mercer High School to rehearse and perform with other chorus students from other counties.
- g. April 17, 2024 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to have contact with groups of people to discuss Mental Health Awareness and to get a better sense of empathy and respect for others.

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving _____ to serve as the National Honor Society Sponsor at a supplemental base salary of \$500 for the 2023-2024 school year, as per contract.

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving Donna Keith, Elementary School teacher, to serve as an Elementary Planning Member at a supplemental salary of \$500 for the 2024-2024 school year.

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving the following student teacher from Geneva College and the cooperating teacher for the Spring 2024 semester (January 8, 2024 - April 25, 2024):

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Ethan Smith	Valerie Perelman	English 7-12

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving Karen L. Oneal to serve as a part-time, four (4) hour General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department at a rate of \$14 per hour effective November 7, 2023, as per contract.

Ms. Hubbard recommended approving the request of Employee No. 4708 in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, beginning Nov 17, 2023- January 12, 2024.

Policy and Procedure

Mrs. Kronk recommended approving the following revised policies:

<u>Policy</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
819 <i>(revised)</i>	Operations	Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
819 Att. I <i>(revised)</i>	Operations	Report of Suicide Risk, Individual Student Management Plan

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Bacon recommended approving the request made by Premier Dance Company to use the building to host their rehearsal and dance recital on Saturday, June 8, 2024 and Sunday, June 9, 2024. Charges include rental fee and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of \$1,994.56.

Athletics

Mr. Bacon recommended approving Men's head Basketball coach Sean Keaton's recommendation to approve Garron Irvine to serve as the 7th Grade Men's Basketball Head coach at a supplemental base salary of \$1,000, effective the 2023-2024 school year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation on non-agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, Ms. Hubbard motioned to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Mr. Bacon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary